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SUBJ: ALL INDIA SARVODAYA CONFERENCE

1. ACCORDING TO RELIABLE SARVODAYA SOURCES, ACHARYA BHAVE HAS
DECIDED TO CONVENE AN ALL-INDIA SARVODAYA CONVERENCE ON DECEMBER
23-25 AT HIS PAUNAR ASHRAM. LEADING SARVODAYA WORKERS FROM ALL
OVER INDIA ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE.

2. THE PRO- AND ANTI-JAYAPRAKASH NARAYAN ELEMENTS IN THE
SARVODAYA MOVEMENT HAVE STARTED LOBBYING WITH A VIEW TO IN-
FLUENCING THE OUTCOME OF THE CONFERENCE TO WHICH SOME 3,000
WORKERS ARE INVITED. THE PRO-JP FACTION, NOW LED BY R.K.
PATIL, IS DEMANDING THAT ACHARYA BHAVE INSIST ON LIFTING THE
EMERGENCY AND APPEAL TO THE GOI TO RETURN TO NORMALCY.
THE ANTI-JP FACTION, LED BY NARENDRA DUBE, IS LOBBYING FOR ACHARYA
BHAVE'S SUPPORT OF THE EMERGENCY.

3. LEADING OPPOSITION LEADERS, INCLUDING JAYAPRAKASH NARAYAN,
ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE. SOCIALIST PARTY LEADER
N.G. GORAY HAD PROVIDED THE LIST OF POTENTIAL PARTICIPATING
LEADERS TO ACHARYA BHAVE.

4. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF ACHARYA BHAVE'S NOVEMBER 28
ANNOUNCEMENT, THAT EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 25 HE WILL BE TAKING
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"KARMA SANYAS," MEANING HE WILL GIVE UP ANY ACTION

FOLLOWING HINDU TRADITION OF RELINQUISHING ALL THE ACTIVITIES
BARRING THSE NECESSARY TO REMAIN ALIVE, MANY PEOPLE HERE
WONDER HOW HE WILL LEAD THE SARVODAYA MOVEMENT AFTER
DECEMBER 25. HIS RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT THAT HE WILL NOT
RESORT TO FAST UNTO DEATH ON THE ISSUE OF BANNING COW SLAUGHTER
INDICATES HIS UNWILLINGNESS TO TAKE ANY CLEAR ANTI-GOVERNMENT
STAND. CONSIDERING ALL THIS IT SEEMS MOST UNLIKELY THAT HE
WILL SUPPORT ANY ANTI-GOI STAND IN THE PRPOSED CONVENTION.
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